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- 1. On 1 June 1954, it was learned that the organization of fighting groups had been going on for about 3 weeks in all industrial enterprises of Kreis Zittau. Such fighting groups were set up at the IFA-Phaenomen Works, the Zittau weaving mill, and the previous firm of Bernhardt, which had been nationalized. The recruiting campaign for these fighting groups primarily appealed to the members of the SED and the FDJ, workers who had shown their loyalty to the SED regime, former NCOs of the German armed forces, and men above forty. Efforts were being made to recruit as many men as possible above forty because they would not be inducted in the event of mobilization.
- 2. The strength of these fighting groups will not usually exceed 10 percent of the total labor force of the industrial enterprise concerned. Training in firing with carbines and in the defense of factories will be given twice a week. Weapons furnished to these fighting groups have been stored in the individual industrial enterprises in the Zittau area. Practice alarms are scheduled to be held.
- 3. Members of the fighting groups have been informed that they would be trained as cadre personnel capable of providing leadership to the entire work force of their enterprise in an emergency bear. All candidates recruited for the fighting groups will be asked whether they are ready to defend the "socialist property". Most of the workers asked did not refuse to join the fighting groups because they feared the consequences of a negative answer.

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